

ACT/019/001

NOTICE OF INTENT
FOR PROPOSED STATE ACTIONS

State Clearinghouse, Attn: A-95 Coordinator, Room 124 State Capitol, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114, Tel: (801) 533-6081

1. Legal Applicant (State Agency, address, city, state, ZIP code) Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 1588 West North Temple Salt Lake City, Utah 84116	2. State Application Identifier	a. Number
		b. Date Year month day Received
3. Approximate date action will be initiated February 1, 1980		

3. Type of Action

☐ Lease ☒ Permit ☐ License ☐ Land Acquisition

☐ Land Sale ☐ Land Exchange ☐ Other (specify) _____

4. Description of Proposed Action

Development of a small placer gold mining operation adjacent to a 100-foot buffer strip along the west bank of the Colorado River. The area to be disturbed consists of channel (alluvium comprised predominantly of sand and gravel). Approximately 6-7 acres of area will be disturbed and mined each year. Total amount of proposed disturbed acreage is approximately 40.5 acres. Gravels and sand will be stripped to an approximate depth of 15-20 feet with a front-end loader, screened and washed, amalgamated and then concentrated. As one area of the pit is worked out, it will be backfilled with rejected materials from the screening process. All disturbed areas will be recontoured to approximate original contours and then reclaimed (revegetated) with appropriate seed mixture as recommended by the state permitting agency. Bonding will be provided to cover reclamation of the disturbed areas.

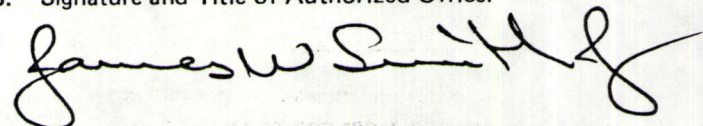
5. Lands Affected (Site location map required)

Placer mine is located in Section 28 and 29, Township 22 South, Range 24 East. Sections 28 and 29 are State-owned and covered by a State mineral lease number--38305. The location is in Grand County, Utah, approximately four miles northeast of the Dewey Bridge off Utah Highway 128. ~ 35mi. NE of MOAB

6. Possible significant impacts likely to occur

Placer operation will intercept the groundwater table along the Colorado River channel as the floodplain sand and gravels are removed. Overall disturbance and impacts should be minimal as a consequence of the small size of the operation (approximately 2-3 men). Potential impact of water quality degradation may exist due to processing and amalgamation techniques, but should be controlled if proper mining techniques and appropriate safeguards are maintained throughout the mining sequence.

Displacement of some wildlife species utilizing the area at the present time will result. It is anticipated that revegetation of the area should be quite successful due to the nature of the current vegetation characteristic of this area. In addition to the revegetation plan to be implemented, the 100 ft. buffer strip of native vegetation to be left undisturbed should act as a viable natural seed source to supplement revegetation efforts.

7. For further information contact: D. Wayne Hedberg DOGM (801) 533-5771 Telephone No. _____	8. Signature and Title of Authorized Officer  Date: December 9, 1980
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COORDINATION AND REVIEW GUIDELINES FOR STATE AGENCIES

PURPOSE

This directive provides guidelines to assist Utah State agencies in implementing the coordination and review requirements of the executive Order on Environmental Quality signed by Governor Matheson on February 22, 1979. This Executive Order requires the coordination and review of all non-exempted state actions by the State Planning Coordinator (State Clearinghouse).

POLICY

The Executive Order and these guidelines apply to all agencies of State government. Each agency shall comply with these guidelines unless the agency demonstrates that existing law applicable to its operation expressly prohibits or makes compliance impossible. Such a decision will be arrived at by the State Planning Coordinator and the State agency.

DEFINITIONS

1. State Action: Any proposed action for which a state agency is directly or administratively responsible.
2. Exempted State Action: Those State actions that have been exempted from the coordination and review requirements of the Executive Order according to the procedures contained in these guidelines.
3. State Clearinghouse: The State Planning Coordinator's Office.
4. Environmental Evaluation: The notification of intent form provided by the State Clearinghouse.
5. Environmental Assessment: A brief informal document outlining and evaluating possible environmental impacts of proposed State actions and outlining mitigative measures as necessary.
6. Environmental Coordinating Committee (ECC): An interdisciplinary committee composed of representatives from various State agencies functioning in a staff and advisory role to the State Planning Coordinator in receiving proposed State actions.

PROCEDURES

A. Coordination and Review Procedures:

1. Whenever a State agency proposes or is administratively responsible for an action not exempted, it shall, as soon as possible, forward a notice of intent (NOI) to the State Clearinghouse. The State Clearinghouse will transmit the NOI to the ECC, areawide clearinghouses, and other State agencies as appropriate for review and coordination.
2. After receipt through the State Clearinghouse, the ECC shall review each NOI at its next regularly scheduled semi-monthly meeting and forward any comments and recommendations to the State Clearinghouse.
3. The State Clearinghouse will have all NOI's reviewed by the ECC within 45 days of receipt and forward any comments and recommendations, within the 45 day review time, to the initiating State agency.
4. If ECC or the initiating State agency determines that significant impacts will occur if the proposed action is implemented, the State agency will then prepare (or have prepared) an environmental assessment that will describe the proposed action, analyze the impacts, and outline mitigative measures as necessary. ECC will be available, upon request, to assist in the initiating agency's preparation of its environmental assessment. The environmental assessment will then be submitted to the State Clearinghouse for transmittal to ECC for appropriate review. Prior to and during the preparation of such an environmental assessment, the responsible State official shall consult with and obtain the comments of appropriate State, local, and federal agencies. Such comments shall accompany the assessment through the review process. Environmental assessments submitted are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other regulatory and statutory requirements.
5. If an environmental assessment is required, the State Planning Coordinator shall so inform the initiating State agency and there shall be an additional 45 day review allowed after the environmental assessment has been submitted to the State Clearinghouse.

B. Exemption Procedures:

State agencies may submit to the State Planning Coordinator lists of actions or types of actions that they would like exempted from the review and coordination requirements of the Executive Order. Such actions might include emergency repairs, day-to-day activities, etc. The State Planning Coordinator shall submit exemption requests to ECC who shall review the requests and make recommendations to the Planning Coordinator. The State Planning Coordinator, after reviewing the recommendations of ECC and in consultation with the State agency, shall make the decision whether to grant the requested exemption.